

Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means except to the extent provided by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

United States v. Village Voice Media, LLC, & NT Media, LLC; Proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. section 16(b) through (h), that a proposed final judgment, Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, and Competitive Impact Statement have been filed with the United States District court for the Northern District of Ohio in *United States of America v. Village Voice Media, LLC, and NT Media, LLC*, Civil Action No. 1:03CV0164. On January 27, 2003, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that the market allocation agreement between New Times and Village Voice Media was *per se* illegal under section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. 1. The proposed final judgment, filed the same time as the complaint, (i) enjoins Village Voice Media and New Times from taking any actions in furtherance of, or required under, their *per se* illegal market allocation agreement; (ii) requires defendants to divest all the assets used in connection with the publication of the *New Times LA*, New

Times's alternative newsweekly in Los Angeles, and the *Cleveland Free Times*, Village Voice Media's alternative newsweekly in Cleveland, for the purpose of establishing a viable competitive alternative newsweekly in both geographic markets; (iii) permits any advertiser that entered into an advertising or promotion contract after October 1, 2002, with Village Voice Media's *LA Weekly*, or New Times's *Cleveland Scene*, for a specified time and solely at the advertiser's option, to terminate such contract without penalty or threat of retaliatory action; (iv) requires Village Voice Media and New Times to notify the United States for the next five years of any future acquisitions, or sales of, alternative newsweeklies; (v) prevents both defendants from enforcing any non-compete contractual provisions against any current or former employees involved in their Cleveland or Los Angeles alternative newsweeklies; and (vi) prevents each defendant and its officers, directors, agents, and employees, from entering into, continuing, maintaining, or renewing any market or customer allocation agreement. Copies of the complaint, proposed final judgment, and competitive impact statement are available for inspection at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, in Room 200, 325 Seventh Street, NW., on the Department of Justice's web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/>, and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Public comment is invited within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, and responses thereto, will be published in the **Federal Register** and filed with the Court. Comments should be directed to James R. Wade, Chief, Litigation III Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 325 7th Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: (202) 616-5935).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations.

Hold Separate Stipulation and Order

It is hereby stipulated and Agreed by and between the undersigned parties, subject to approval and entry by this court, that:

I. Definitions

As used in this Hold Separate Stipulation and Order:

(A) "Acquirer" or "acquirers" means the entity or entities to which defendants divest the Divestiture assets.

(B) "Alternative newsweekly" means a publication (such as the Cleveland Scene or LA Weekly) that possesses more than one of the following attributes: (i) It is published in a geographic area served by one or more daily newspaper to which residents turn as their primary source or sources of printed news; (ii) it is published weekly (or less frequently), and at least 24 times annually; (iii) it is distributed free of charge; (iv) it is not owned by a daily newspaper publishing company; and (v) it is a general interest publication that does not focus exclusively on one specific topic, such as music, entertainment, religion, the environment, or a political party or organization.

(C) "Cleveland Free Times assets" means all assets within the possession, custody or control of Village Voice Media and New Times that were formerly employed in the publication of the Cleveland Free Times alternative newsweekly in the Greater Cleveland area by Village Voice Media before October 1, 2002, including, but not limited to:

(1) All rights to the Cleveland Free Times name (and any derivations thereof), logo, layout and design, including all legal rights, including intellectual property rights associated with the Cleveland Free Times, including trademarks, trade names, service names, service marks, designs, trade dress, patents, copyrights and all licenses and sublicenses to such intellectual property to the fullest extent sublicenseable (provided that, with respect to any rights not legally transferable, Village Voice Media shall assist, and neither impede nor hinder, the Acquirer in negotiating with, and obtaining all necessary legal right from, the third party controls such rights);

(2) Except for the payroll systems located in New York, New York, all computer hardware, software and licensing agreements connected with that software to the fullest extent sublicenseable (provided that, with respect to any rights not legally transferable, Village Voice Media shall assist, and neither impede nor hinder, the acquirer in negotiating with, and obtaining all necessary legal rights from, the third party who controls such rights); and all information relating to the Cleveland Free Times stored on the computer hardware, including all design templates and databases;

(3) All office furniture, telephone systems, T-1 lines, fax machines, copy machines, stationery, business cards, rate kits, and all other supplies and equipment used by the Cleveland Free Times;